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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 03/10/2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Per the reasons of record in Applicant's response regarding the discussions between Applicant and the Examiner, the amendment has been entered, wherein US 5,541,160 no longer reasonably anticipates or renders obvious the claims as amended.


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